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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**  
**CAUSE NO. DA 16-0334**

ROY KAUFMAN and GEORGE  
KAUFMAN, PARTNERS,  
KAUFMAN BROTHERS

Plaintiffs and Appellees,

v.

BEARD INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.,  
and KENNETH M. BEARD,


Defendants and Appellants.

**MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR  
FILING OF APPELLEES' BRIEF**

COMES NOW Plaintiffs and Appellees, Roy Kaufman and George Kaufman, Partners, Kaufman Brothers, and move this Court for an extension of the December 5, 2016 deadline to file a Response Brief in the above-captioned case. The basis for this motion is that the parties are engaged in settlement negotiations which may resolve this matter, and an additional thirty(30) days is necessary to complete these negotiations or to file a Response Brief.

John L. Wright, counsel for Defendants and Appellants, has no objection to this motion.

DATED this 28 day of November, 2016.

  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF DEBORAH PRANIKOFF  
 IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO EXTEND  
 DEADLINE FOR FILING RESPONSE  
 BRIEF**

STATE OF MONTANA )

County of Carbon )

ss.

DEBORAH PRANIKOFF, being first duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury:

1. On October 26, 2016, the undersigned was substituted for previous counsel in this matter.

2. I submit this affidavit in support of my motion to extend the deadline for filing of response brief by 30 days. The current deadline for filing a response brief is December 5, 2016.

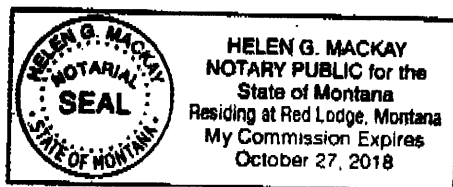
3. As of this date, I have received the file from prior counsel and am in the process of reviewing the proceedings and filings below as well as the brief and exhibits submitted by appellants. Additional time is necessary to review the file and pleadings and to submit a response brief. In the meantime, the parties are currently engaged in settlement negotiations which may resolve the pending matter.

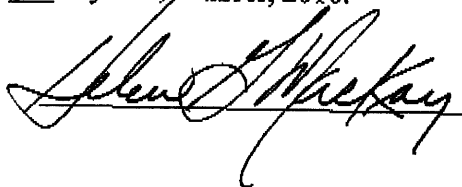
4. I have contacted counsel for Appellants, John L. Wright, and he does not object to a 30 day extension of time to file a response brief.

DATED this   1  st day of December, 2016.

  
Deborah Pranikoff  
Attorney for Appellees

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to me this   1   day of December, 2016.





#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by U.S. mail upon opposing counsel of record at the following address:

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